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Dear Dr. Stone:

We are writing to ask your support for an upcoming meeting on "The Posttranscriptional Control of Gene Expression: The Role of RNA Structure", which will be held in the beginning of May, 1994. This is the first international conference to focus on the regulatory steps of RNA processing, translation and stability as well as the roles of RNA as transacting effectors or autotocatalytic enzymes (ribozymes).

This will be a well-attended and important conference that will provide an opportunity for investigators from all over the world to assemble and discuss the most recent advances in understanding posttranscriptional processes. Many of the people who will attend this meeting might normally spend their limited travel funds to attend a meeting that focuses on one or a few of the posttranscriptional processes that define their research. It is our goal to bring these people together in order to share experimental findings and common problems.

We anticipate a need for \$96,150, \$17,800 of which has already been awarded by the NATO International Scientific Exchange Programs. We will request funds from the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation to help defray participant expenses. However, the budgets of these funding agencies are, as you know, very limited. If we obtain support from these agencies, we anticipate that it will be grossly inadequate to cover the meeting costs. We are also depending on the generosity and long-term vision of various organizations and corporations to help insure the success of this conference. Support from The Council for Tobacco Research on the order of \$1000-4000 will be most appreciated, will help to ensure the success of the meeting, and will be gratefully acknowledged in the program.

Invitation

A National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center

New York State Department of Health Mark R. Chassin, M.D., M.P.P., M.P.H., Commissioner Attached are details on the meeting, including its goals, organization and budget. We thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,

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